

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of decomposing an organic azide, comprising:  
allowing an organic azide to contact a catalyst that comprises a metal halide, main group  
halide, mixed metal-main group halide, or mixture thereof [(.)],

wherein the organic azide has the formula



where R is an organic group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkyl amino, nitrogen-  
containing heterocyclic-substituted alkyl, and alkyl amine substituted with at least one alkyl  
azide group.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the organic azide is 2-  
dimethylaminoethyl azide.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim [[2,]] 1, wherein R is a  
nitrogen-containing heterocyclic-substituted alkyl group.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim [[2,]] 1, wherein R is an alkyl  
amine substituted with at least one alkyl azide group.

6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst comprises a  
transition metal halide.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the transition metal in the transition metal halide can have one or more formal oxidation states.

8. (Original) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein the transition metal in the transition metal halide is present in its highest formal oxidation state.

9. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst comprises an iron halide or a mixture of iron halide and a second catalyst.

10. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst comprises a transition metal chloride.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the transition metal chloride comprises iron (III) chloride, iron (II) chloride, or a combination of iron (III) chloride and iron (II) chloride.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst comprises an iron chloride in combination with a second catalyst.

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is dispersed on a support.

14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the support comprises a second organic halide decomposition catalyst.

15. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the catalyst is granular.

16. (Original) A method as recited in claim 15, wherein the catalyst is mixed with a different granular catalyst.

17. (Original) A method as recited in claim 15, wherein the catalyst is mixed with non-catalyst granules.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter comprising:

(a) an organic azide having the formula



where R is an organic group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkyl amino, nitrogen-containing heterocyclic-substituted alkyl, and alkyl amine substituted with at least one alkyl azide group; and

(b) a catalyst capable of decomposing the organic azide, said catalyst comprising at least one metal halide, main group halide, mixed metal-main group halide, or mixture thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the organic azide is 2-dimethylaminoethyl azide.

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein R is a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic-substituted alkyl group.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein R is an alkyl amine substituted with at least one alkyl azide group.

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst comprises a transition metal halide.

23. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 22, wherein the transition metal in the transition metal halide can have one or more formal oxidation states.

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 22, wherein the transition metal in the transition metal halide is present in its highest formal oxidation state.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst comprises an iron halide or a mixture of iron halide and a second catalyst.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst comprises a transition metal chloride.

27. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 26, wherein the transition metal chloride comprises iron (III) chloride, iron (II) chloride, or a combination of iron (III) chloride and iron (II) chloride.

28. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst comprises an iron chloride in combination with a second catalyst.

29. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst is dispersed on a support.

30. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 29, wherein the support comprises a second organic halide decomposition catalyst.

31. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 18, wherein the catalyst is granular.

32. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 31, wherein the catalyst is mixed with a different granular catalyst.

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~fuel-source~~ composition of matter as recited in claim 31, wherein the catalyst is mixed with non-catalyst granules.